



# Three Oaks Township Public Library

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**FOUNDED IN 1859 – 167 YEARS OF SERVICE!**

## Hours:

Monday 10 – 5

Tuesday 10 – 6

Wednesday 10 – 5

Thursday 10 – 8

Friday 10 – 5

Saturday 10-2

Sunday closed

## Library Board:

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## Library Closing:

July 3 & 4, 2026



On July 8, 2026, at 6:00 PM EDT (5:00 PM CDT), Michigan will lift its voice—together—in a synchronized reading of the Declaration of Independence.

Three Oaks Township Public Library invites you to an outdoor observance of national pride – the Sharing the Spirit of America with the public reading of the Declaration of Independence. On July 8, 2026, at 6:00 pm communities across Michigan, along with the rest of the nation and 9 territories, will read the Declaration of Independence at the same time, commemorating the first public reading by Colonel John Nixon on July 8, 1776.

This FREE event will be held outside on the library lawn - in case of a rainout, we will be in the library.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs or blankets and the reading will take approximately 30 minutes.

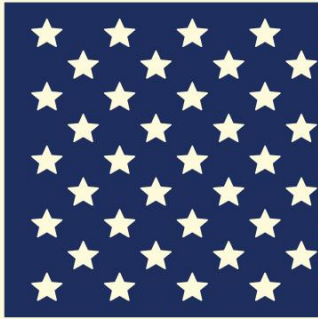
Restrooms are available.

No RSVP necessary. FREE

Refreshments, provided by the Friends of Three Oaks Library, will be served. Attendees will be given a pocket-sized copy of the Declaration of Independence.

More information about this initiative, and more locations, may be found at [www.america250mi.org](http://www.america250mi.org)





**Commemorating the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence by Colonel John Nixon on July 8, 1776, we join communities across Michigan, all 50 states, and 9 U.S. territories in Sharing the Spirit of America—a nationwide, neighbor-to-neighbor public reading of the Declaration of Independence.**



**WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2026,  
6:00 PM**

**ON THE LAWN OF THE THREE OAKS  
TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**FREE EVENT SPONSORED BY THE  
FRIENDS OF THREE OAKS LIBRARY**

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED!  
BRING A CHAIR!**



## Upcoming Events at the Library:

Free Wi-Fi

Free Public Computers  
with Microsoft Office

Fax and Copy  
Service Available

Laminating Available

Mobile Hotspots  
(\$25 deposit)

[Tutor.com](http://Tutor.com)

[Hoopla](http://Hoopla)

[Libby](http://Libby)

[Kanopy](http://Kanopy)

Local History Room

Inter-Library Loan  
<http://www.mel.org/>

Renew your items,  
reserve items, or make  
requests at our online

[catalog](#):

**Library Catalog**

*Locate Books, Audiobooks, DVDs, & More!*

<https://threeoaks.biblionix.com/catalog/>

- Every Tuesday: Drop-In Play Dough Play Date at the library, 11:00 – 12:00 noon. Drop in to squish, shape, and roll with our Play Dough. Parents must accompany their young children.
- Every Wednesday: Knitting and Crocheting Circle, 10:30 – 11:30. Individuals of all skill levels are invited to bring their projects.
- Every Thursday: Lego Club @ the Library all day. Projects will stay on display for one week.
- Every Thursday: Adult Drop-In Color-Me Happy-Hour, 1:00 – 2:00. Coffee, coloring sheets, and colored pencils will be provided for this adult only activity.
- Every Thursday: Story Time for all ages, 4:30 – 5:00.
- Monday, June 1 - August 31, Summer Reading for teens through adults! Stop in to pick up your America's 250<sup>th</sup> Bingo card.
- Saturday, June 27, 12:00 noon. "From Undeveloped County to Harbor County"
- Monday, June 29, FREE Dinosaur Movie Monday, "The Land Before Time" 1:00. Bring a snack and a friend! Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Tuesday, June 30, Summer Reading for children under 12. Drop-in between 11-1 for reading fun! Collect the trading card for Tyrannosaurus Rex, the dinosaur of the week. No pre-registration needed.
- Thursday, July 2, 2:00 – 6:00, America's 250th Birthday Drop-In Craft. No registration needed. Ages preschool – adult. An adult must accompany children under 12.
- July 3 & 4 – Library Closed.
- Monday, July 6, FREE Dinosaur Movie Monday, "Jurassic World," 1:00. Bring a snack and a friend! Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Tuesday, July 7, 1:00, Sarett Nature Center. A naturalist from the Sarett Nature Center will present a program including LIVE ANIMALS!
- Wednesday, July 8, 6:00. Reading of the Declaration of Independence on the lawn of the library.
- Thursday, July 9, 6:30, FREE Family Movie "The Mummy" Bring a snack and a friend! Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Monday, July 13, Second Wednesday Book Club is taking a summer vacation and will return in August.

Take and Make Craft Bags for children are available.  
at the Checkout Desk every day.

Follow us on (<http://www.facebook.com/threeoakslibrary>) and check our website, [www.threeoaks.michlibrary.org](http://www.threeoaks.michlibrary.org) for all the latest information and events



Beginning May 7, 2026, the library expanded its hours to remain open until 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays. We hope these extended evening hours provide greater convenience for our community and encourage patrons to visit the library during these hours.

However, if attendance during these hours continues to be non-existent - we may be forced to discontinue Thursday evening hours. As responsible stewards of library funding, we must ensure our resources are being used effectively.

We encourage everyone to take advantage of these expanded hours so we can continue offering them in the future.



The year's not over, but these are already elite. Stream the best and biggest titles of 2026 so far on Hoopla.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/collection/best-of-2026-so-far/211664>



# THREE OAKS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY SEED CATALOG

Grow, Share, Repeat! 🌱  
Discover our Free Seed Catalog and  
start your garden today!

## How It Works:

Browse our seed catalog and choose the  
seeds you'd like to grow.  
"Check out" your seeds—completely  
free!

Plant, nurture, and enjoy your harvest.  
At the end of the season, "return" seeds  
by saving and donating  
from your plants.

Help us keep the cycle growing for  
everyone in the community.

Happy planting!



**No Registration Necessary!**

**Drop-In each Tuesday, 11:00 - 1:00  
June 16 to August 11**

Each week will feature a different dinosaur and matching trading card!   
Enjoy a special story, a fun craft, hands-on skills practice, charting your reading on the wall, tasty snacks, and exciting activities.

**Earn Summer Reading Prizes by:**

- Record your reading on your Reading Log & record your reading at the library
- Attend library programs
- Drop-in each Tuesday! The more you read, the more you earn!
- Attend the library field trip to Washington Park Zoo.

**Dinosaur Movie Mondays @ 1:00**

Watch a different dinosaur movie each Monday at 1:00.  
Bring a friend and a snack. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Thursday Lego Club @ the Library**

All day every Thursday use your creativity and the library's Legos. Creations will stay on display for one week.

**Family Movie 6:30PM selected Thursdays**

Bring the whole family!  
Snacks are welcome! Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Storytime each Thursday @ 4:30**

Children ten and under are invited for a story, craft, and snack each week.



**Three Oaks Township Public Library**

FREE



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# MOVIE MONDAYS

## UNEARTH A STORY™

NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED

BRING A SNACK!

JUNE  
**22**  
@1:00

**The original "Jurassic Park"**  
@1993 rating: PG-13 Runtime: 127 minutes.  
This film is presented by Coastline Children's Film Festival

JUNE  
**29**  
@1:00

**"The Land Before Time"**  
@1988 Rating: G Runtime: 69 minutes

JULY  
**6**  
@1:00

**"Jurassic World"**  
@2015 Rating: PG-13 Runtime: 124 minutes

JULY  
**13**  
@1:00

**"The Land Before Time II: The Great Valley Adventure"**  
@1994 Rating: G Runtime: 75 minutes

JULY  
**20**  
@1:00

**"Ice Age"**  
@2002 Rating: PG Runtime: 81 minutes

JULY  
**27**  
@1:00

**"The Good Dinosaur"**  
@2015 Rating: PG Runtime: 93 minutes

AUGUST  
**3**  
@1:00

**Disney's "Dinosaur"**  
@2000 Rating: PG Runtime: 82 minutes

AUGUST  
**10**  
@1:00

**"Walking With Dinosaurs: The Movie"**  
@2013 Rating: PG Runtime: 97 minutes

CHILDREN UNDER 13 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

# Family

BRING A SNACK!

NO RESERVATIONS  
NEEDED

# MOVIE

# FREE

# Nights

## @ Three Oaks Township Public Library



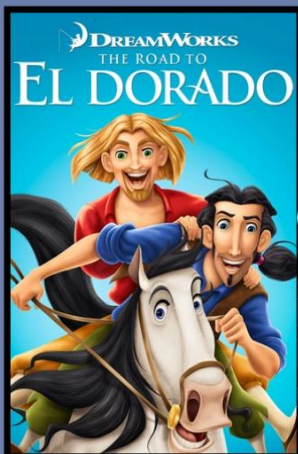
JUNE 11  
@ 6:30 PM  
@2004  
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Runtime: 131  
minutes



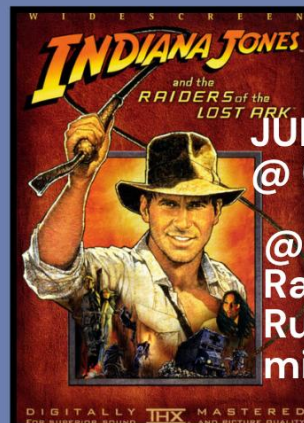
JUNE 25  
@ 6:30 PM  
@2006  
Rating: PG  
Runtime: 108  
minutes.



JULY 9  
@ 6:30  
@1999  
Rating: PG-13  
Runtime: 124  
minutes



AUGUST 6  
@ 6:30 PM  
@2000  
Rating: PG  
Runtime: 89  
minutes



JULY 23  
@ 6:30 PM  
@1981  
Rating: PG  
Runtime: 115  
minutes

CHILDREN UNDER 13 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

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**AMERICA'S 250<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY  
DROP-IN CRAFT**

**@ THREE OAKS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY  
THURSDAY, JULY 2,**

**2:00 - 6:00**

**NO REGISTRATION NEEDED  
AGES PRESCHOOL TO ADULT**

**AN ADULT MUST ACCOMPANY  
CHILDREN UNDER 12**



# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

# Meeting



Thursday,  
August 27,  
6:00 p.m.



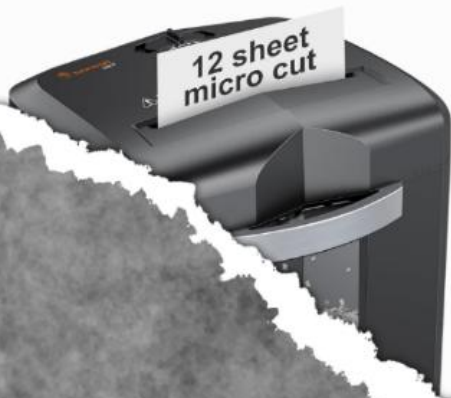
Everyone is invited



# **Paper Shredding**

**@Three Oaks Township  
Public Library**

**Bring your sensitive  
documents & credit  
cards to the library and  
you may safely shred  
them with our shredder.**



**No appointment  
necessary.**



# TUTOR.COM



- **FREE with your Three Oaks Library card**
- **Provides on-demand online tutoring with a LIVE, highly-qualified expert tutor**
- **Covers 250+ subjects**
- **Covers preschool through college**
- **Tutors undergo rigorous screening and ongoing development**
- **Drop off writing paper review**
- **Available on YOUR schedule**



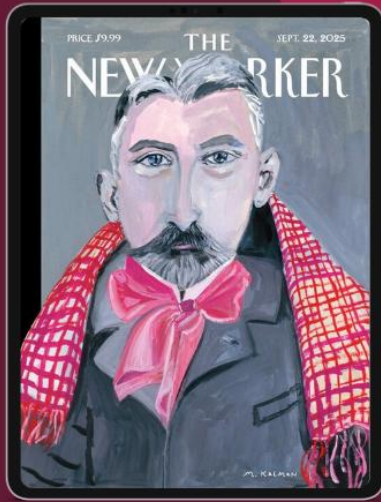
<http://www.tutor.com/swmichigan/>

An advertisement for a LEGO Club at a library. The background is a white surface covered with a variety of colorful LEGO bricks (red, blue, yellow, green, purple, brown, grey). In the center, there are two overlapping rectangular boxes. The top box is yellow with a blue border and contains the text 'LEGO CLUB' in bold blue letters. The bottom box is purple with a blue border and contains the text '@ THE LIBRARY' in bold blue letters. Below these boxes, the text 'All day every Thursday' is written in a blue, sans-serif font.

**LEGO CLUB**

**@ THE LIBRARY**

All day every Thursday



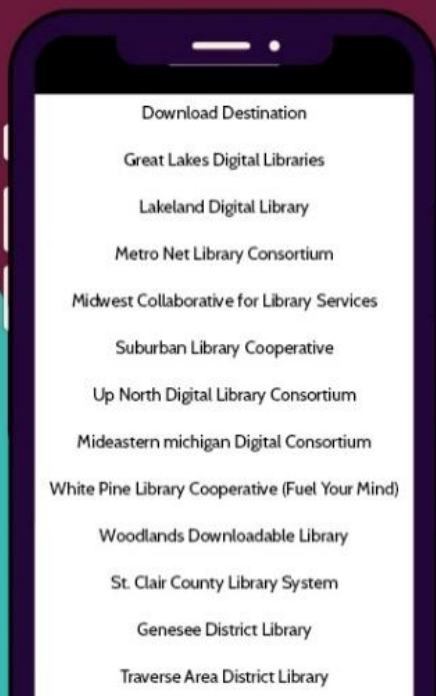
From big headlines  
to niche hobbies.  
Borrow magazines for free with Libby.



Libby.

The library reading app.

## BIG NEWS! YOU NOW HAVE ACCESS TO EVEN MORE BOOKS IN THE LIBBY APP!



Get more access with your  
Southwest Michigan Digital Library  
Member Library Card!  
You can borrow titles from any  
of these collections!



To add your card for a partner library you must  
select the following in your Libby App:

- 1) Go to MENU > ADD LIBRARY
- 2) Search for the partner library and open it.
- 3) Tap SIGN IN WITH MY CARD
- 4) Under PARTNER LIBRARIES, choose your home library from the list and sign in.

# Community Notes



**High Noon, Saturday, May 2**, Three Oaks Township Library, 3 North Elm Street

**"The Browns, Eddie Gaedel, and a Glove"** features an overview of the Museum itself; and introduces baseball's forgotten team, the St. Louis Browns, which includes the story of baseball's only batter with a 100% on base percentage (the Browns' Eddie Gaedel); and a wonderful story about a special 75-year-old baseball mitt.

*Presented by the staff of the Biggest Little Baseball Museum.*

**High Noon, Saturday June 6**, Three Oaks Township Library, 3 North Elm Street

**"The Bird: Mark Fidrych and the Summer of 1976"**. 2026 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of when Mark Fidrych took Detroit – and America by storm with his incredible pitching and eccentric behavior. Learn and reminisce about that crazy summer with guest presenter Brian Johnston. *Brian Johnston lives in St. Joseph, Michigan with his family. He is the author of three self-published books and is an Opinion Maker columnist for the Herald Palladium. His recent biography of baseball great Vada Pinson will be available this summer.*

**High Noon, Saturday July 4**, Three Oaks Masonic Lodge, 14 ½ North Elm Street, above ~~Alapash~~. (A great opportunity to visit this historic Lodge, established in 1867).

**"The Shot Heard 'Round the World"** will enlighten and entertain attendees about one of the greatest stories in baseball history that took place in the 1951 season. Learn about the "Miracle at Coogan's Bluff" and be reminded about the beauty of our National Pastime.

*Presented by the staff of the Biggest Little Baseball Museum.*

**High Noon, Saturday August 1**, Vickers Theatre, 6 North Elm Street.

**"Return of the Clowns: Barnstorming Baseball Then and Now"**. Three Oaks' born Bill Heward is in a special position to share about the Indianapolis Clowns. The lanky right hander pitched for the Clowns in their final years, and wrote "Some are Called Clowns", describing his experience. That was over 50 years ago. The Clowns have been reborn and are one of six teams competing in the new Banana Ball Championship League. During this season's spring training, Jesse Cole of the Savannah Bananas sought out Bill to share about the history of the Clowns. Bill spent quality time with the team, letting them know of the opportunity they have to continue the legacy of the Clowns. Come and enjoy this special presentation. *Dr. Heward is a Professor Emeritus in the College of Education and Human Ecology at Ohio State University. He was a member of River Valley's first high school baseball team, threw a no hitter in RV's opener and went on to pitch at Western Michigan University. His grandfather Ollie umpired many games for the Three Oaks Greens.*

**Admission is free, and includes a complimentary box of Cracker Jacks.** The Biggest Little Baseball Museum is a 501c3, and accepts donations of cash, new and used baseball books, as well as used baseballs and softballs. The Biggest Little Baseball Museum is in the middle of Three Oaks Magnificent Quarter Mile, in a room on the second floor of the historic Three Oaks Township Library.

# SOUTH ELM STREET PROJECT UPDATE



The Village would like to share a quick update on the South Elm Street construction schedule.



Construction is expected to begin following the **Fourth of July** holiday weekend.

The contractor is currently planning the following schedule:



**SIDEWALK RAMP REPLACEMENT**



**MILLING**



**PAVEMENT REPAIRS**



We appreciate everyone's continued patience and support during this project. If you have any questions, please contact the Village Office.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND COOPERATION!**

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Monday, June 1, 2026 - 4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), New Troy Community Center, 13372 California Road, New Troy, MI 49119

Tuesday, June 2, 2026 - 3:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Harbert Community Church, 6444 Harbert Road, Sawyer, MI 49125

Wednesday, June 3, 2026 - 4:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Woodland Shores Baptist Church, 3555 Shawnee Rd, Bridgman, MI 49106

Saturday, June 6, 2026 - 12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 601 Ferry Street, Niles, MI 49120

Monday, June 8, 2026 - 12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Neighbor to Neighbor, 9147 US Highway 31, Berrien Springs, MI

Monday, June 8, 2026 - 4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Michigan Works! Berrien, Cass, Van Buren, 499 W. Main Street, Benton Harbor, MI

Friday, June 12, 2026 - 4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Eau Claire Seventh Day Adventist Church, 6562 Naomi Road, Eau Claire, MI 49111

Wednesday, June 17, 2026 - 4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Stevensville United Methodist Church, 5506 Ridge Road, Stevensville, MI 49127

Thursday, June 18, 2026 - 3:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Harbert Community Church, 6444 Harbert Road, Sawyer, MI 49125

Friday, June 19, 2026 - 4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Baroda Bible Church, 9058 Third Street, Baroda, MI 49101

Monday, June 22, 2026 - 12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Second Baptist Church, 600 Donald Atkins Dr., Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Wednesday, June 24, 2026 - 4:00 PM - Berrien County (Walk Up), North Berrien Fire Department, 170 Washington St., Coloma, MI 49038

Thursday, June 25, 2026 - 12:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Trinity Lutheran Church, 619 Main St, St. Joseph, MI 49085

Friday, June 26, 2026 - 3:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), First Baptist Church, 1446 E. Main Street, Niles, MI 49120

Monday, June 29, 2026—4:00 pm—Berrien County (Drive Thru), Galien River Church @ Galien American Legion, 402 N. Main Street, Galien, MI 49113



# THIS SUMMER, BE PART OF HISTORY!



Help Dr. Jan Sigvartsen, PhD,  
find the

# LOST 1838 BERRIEN COUNTY JAILHOUSE!

Behind Michigan's oldest courthouse lies one of  
Berrien County's earliest municipal buildings.



## WHAT WILL WE DISCOVER?



How big was the jail?



Did the inmates leave anything behind?



Could it be escaped from?

This property used to be part of Wolf's Prairie, an ancient prairie and Native American settlement – we may find ancient artifacts too!



## LEARN TO DIG LIKE A PRO

and uncover secrets buried for up to 200 or even 2,000 years!



## HISTORIC COURTHOUSE SQUARE

313 N CASS STREET, BERRIEN SPRINGS, MI 49103

# REGISTER AT TARRAGINDI.ORG

## JUNE 15 – JULY 10, 10AM – 12PM WEEKDAYS



Presents

# Music <sup>in</sup> the Park

## Concert Series

at Harbert Community Park

### SUMMER LINEUP

**6/27:**

WEKO BOYS (5:30PM)  
PT & THE CRUISERS (7PM)  
Food Truck -  
Cousins Maine Lobster  
Beer: Fulcra Brewing

**7/25:**

ST. JOE JACK (5:30PM)  
THE EDGAR WILLBURY  
EXPERIENCE (7PM)  
Food Truck -  
Wood-Stock & Grill  
Beer: Mangata

**8/15:**

PS; DUMP YOUR  
BOYFRIEND (8PM)  
Food Truck -  
Ben's Soft Pretzels  
Beer/Wine:  
Lake Time Brewing

**8/22:**

LIVIA GAZZOLO (5:30PM)  
MARTHA CARES JAZZ  
ENSEMBLE (7PM)

**Bring a Beach Chair, Bring  
a Blanket, Bring a Friend!**

Harbert Community Park • Red Arrow Hwy. • Harbert, MI

# Music in the park 2026

June 13 **THE SOUTHSORE CONCERT BAND**

Traditional American Big Band ( 90 minutes )

June 20 **ANNE HARRIS**

Blues, Rock, Folk Blends

June 27 **EDGAR WILLBURY EXPERIENCE**

Rock Covers

July 4 **MARTHA CARES**

Blending Jazz, Cabaret, pop, Traditional,  
Bossa Nova ( 75 minutes )

July 11 **BOBBY HUNT & THE DAY DRINKERS**

Blues

July 18 **PT AND THE CRUISERS**

Rock

July 25 **QUITE FRANK LEE BAND**

Folk

Aug 1 **THE ANDREW FISHER QUARTET**

Neo-Soul Jazz (90 minutes)  
Celebration of life in memory of Tom Folliard

Aug 8 **THE SCAMP BAND**

Country Rock

Aug 15 **SARASWATHI RANGANATHAN**

World Music

Aug 22 **CHICKEN DOLPHIN BAND**

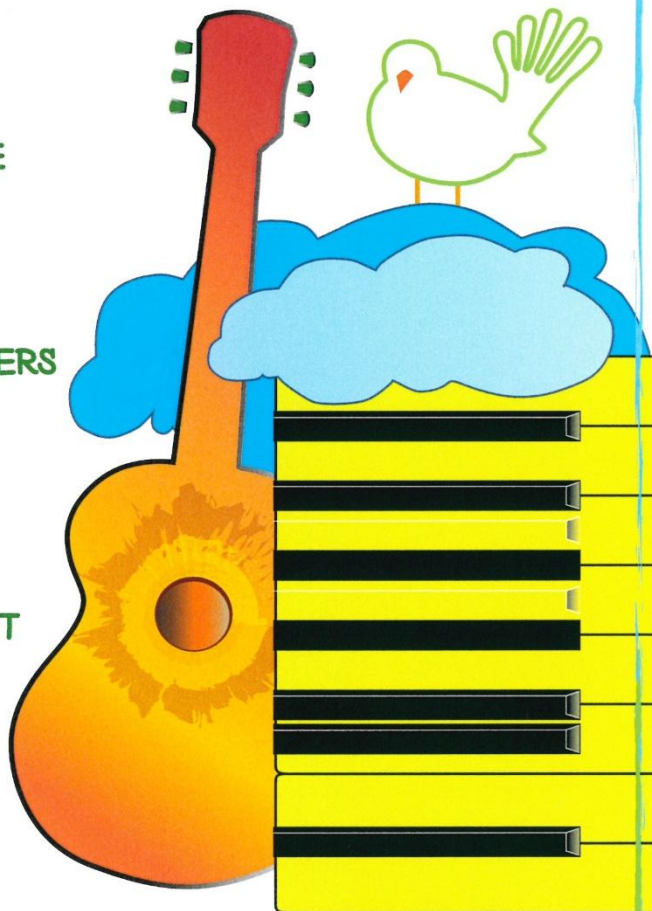
Blues, Reggae

Aug 29 **KENNEDY'S KITCHEN**

Pub Music, Sing-Alongs

Sept 5 **NEWPORT BLUES PROJECT BAND**

Rock, Blues, Soul (90 minutes)



Donate

**Free Admission - Donations Appreciated**

**Saturdays at 6:30 pm - Dewey Cannon Park - Three Oaks, MI**

THREE  
OAKS  
**DDA**

Sponsored in part by  
the Three Oaks DDA.



**Harbor Arts**  
Celebrating the creative spirit

harborarts.com

GATHER & The 8th Annual  
**Strawberry  
Social**

**Sunday, July 12th**

Live Music from  
Down by the Dock

**2-4 pm**

Strawberry Shortcake  
Root Beer Floats  
Ice Cream & More!

A Gift to the Community from the Family of Allan Boyd

Friends of New Troy Community Center

**13372 California Road**

[www.friendsofnewtroy.org](http://www.friendsofnewtroy.org)

# MOBILE CLINIC



SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT TODAY



269-445-3874



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VISIT US IN  
**THREE OAKS, MI**

THREE OAKS TOWNSHIP HALL  
6810 US 12  
1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH



FIND OUT WHERE THE  
CLINIC WILL BE NEXT



**NADZIEJA POCHEKI**  
FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

